

THE UNUSED LETTER.

A Typographical Soliloquy. In the ordinary printer's case numbers of letters lie in the bottom of boxes unused year after year, and with the lapse of time, are seen to be as bright in some instances as when first cast. This fact awakened the following reflections from a former printer.)

WHAT IT COSTS.

The expense of running Linn county so far this year presents an interesting list of figures, showing particularly how the increased attention to roads and bridges makes the money fly:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes County Court, Circuit Court, Justice Courts, Sheriff's office, Clerk's office, Recorder's office, Treasurer, Coroner, School Supt's office, County Surveyor, Assessor's office, Assessment and taxation, Tax rebate, Current expenses, Court house expenses, Jail, Care of poor, Indigent soldiers, Insane, Bridges, Ferries, Election expense, Seal bounty, Roads and highways, Borrowed money, Not otherwise enumerated.

THE BEST PAVEMENT.

A Grants Pass Man after inspecting pavement said: "I had an opportunity to see bitulithic, Hassam, asphalt and wood block pavements. I made a careful and critical examination of all of these various pavements and am fully convinced in my own mind that the bitulithic is by far the most practical pavement. The Hassam, which is used quite extensively there, is nothing more than a concrete pavement, and like the concrete walks, the pavement will crack, giving water a chance to work down through it and to disintegrate the cement, and gravel, and then the passing over of vehicles, such as heavily loaded wagons, automobiles, etc., grind up the pavement, causing holes which become more worn with every passing team, and within a very short time it becomes necessary to apply a patch, which leaves a rough surface and is very apt to soon break up again."

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

The trouble between the United States and Nicaragua has been given the first place in the front pages the past week. Perhaps more strictly it is the trouble between Zelaya, president of Nicaragua, and the U. S. Nicaragua, a small Central American republic, is in the throes of a revolution. A couple of young Americans took the side of the revolutionists, were captured and executed by order of Zelaya, without an opportunity to make a showing, or to appeal to the dictates of international law. Uncle Sam, always zealous of his subjects, got mad, got out his big stick and is swinging it in a lively manner. When he gets through Zelaya will be deposed and Nicaragua will have another president, another little chapter in the affairs of the world.

A few rich New Yorkers this week paid \$472,000,000 for the Equitable Insurance Co., offering two eye-openers, the enormous wealth of the investors, and the immense accumulation of the property of an insurance company, which through the years has preyed on an unsuspecting public sufficient to get together such an immense fortune. It indicates that the rates charged by this old line company, substantially the same as others, are exorbitant and not justified by experience. Perhaps the table used is correctly figured out, but in it is no calculation for the immense gain by lapses and other sources. There is a company in Albany that undoubtedly is intended to be called Equitable instead of the New York concern, the 2500, whose plan is so simple a child can understand it, with no chances for equivocation, as there is in the big equitable and other such companies.

This week a big prize fight was secured by the offer of \$101,000 for it. It is doubtful if anything else could command such a price. A polemical fight between the ablest men in the country would draw a house of only a few thousand dollars. The finest singer in the world does well on a \$5,000 house; but a fighter can command a hundred thousand just for an exhibition of brutality. Is this a compliment to the present civilization of the world?

These days one can't help being interested in the number of divorce cases started, sort of an epidemic of them, for all manner of causes, generally with pretty good grounds from a popular standpoint. Down in California this week one couple sued for divorce after living together for fifty-four years. At their age they might at least have separated without the divorce, and hid themselves. A Linn county suit is between two Indians, not a very common thing among Indians, who put up with a good deal among themselves, after a fashion. And think of the skeletons that never get out of the closets.

A MATTER OF EFFICIENCY.

If there is ever a time when a thing should be made to count for something it is when a man casts his ballot. He should have one object in view, not the giving of some friend a job, one man has no more right to a job at the expense of the people than another; but it is simply a question of putting men into office who will best conserve the interests of the people. Men are elected to make laws and to execute them, and they are efficient simply as they do their work well and effectively. The merchant will not keep a clerk if he does not attend to business, and that is what the people want no matter what the office, big or little, and whether city office, or county office, or state office, or national office, the people more and more are becoming imbued with the fact that they shall be given something for their money, and that the best men are the ones who should be elected.

PUBLIC POLICY DEMANDS IT.

A big strike wouldn't be so bad if it just affected the two parties concerned, the strikers and the strikers; but when it affects the commercial affairs of an entire country it becomes much more than a local issue, it is a national problem for solution. Some day we will have laws so effective that the big strike will be impossible. If the government owned the railroads of the country, a railroad strike could not occur. Just the same the railroad should be so completely under the control of the government as to make one impossible. Public policy demands it.

Hub Bryant went to Hmira, Lane county, yesterday on a business trip. Mrs. Marie Parrish came up from Portland today on a visit with her father. Mr. Zera Snow, a prominent Portland attorney, was in the city this morning, which accounts for the weather today.

C. H. NEWS.

Judge Galloway not being here yesterday afternoon Lawyer Wright of this city and Lawyer Martin of Brownsville by agreement submitted a motion to Lawyer L. M. Curi, who granted the motion, and it was accepted as if made by the court and proceedings taken accordingly, a unique affair in Albany jurisprudence.

In Stella Keef agt. Michael Keef, divorce was granted by Judge Galloway last evening before adjournment.

Deeds recorded:— W. N. Jones to Oregon 640 acres \$ 1 Frank P. Talkington to W. N. Jones 640 acres 10 Oliver Miller to C. G. Nofsinger and wife 44.62 acres 5000 Carrie M. Chase to Grimwood Holt 2 lots bl 129 H's ad Albany 800

County Court:— \$1016.24 was allowed the Oregon Library Commission for books, and the usual roads, highways, bridges, poor and current expense and other bills. The reduction of a bill of his own from \$11.25 to \$9, by Commissioner Russell, was an interesting event in the County Court today.

Deeds recorder:— John F. Gaines to Linnhaven Orchard Co., 320 acres \$ 10 Albert Young to Ludwig Young, 7678 acres 10 Ludwig Young to Albert Young, 7116 acres 10 Albert Young to Jos. R. Young, 7206 acres 10

Final hearing in estates of Jonas Davis and Deborah A. Davis set for Jan. 17.

New case: Cecile Brainard agt. Warren Brainard, two Siletz Indians. Charges drunkenness, vile name calling, threats, etc. J. K. Weatherford.

Articles filed incorporating the Jefferson Horse Company. The incorporators: C. Thiessay, R. L. Gilson and A. N. Goin. Capital stock \$3600.

County Court:— Application Jas. Davis et al for county road, continued. Application W. R. Ray et al to change road district was being considered. Repairing Butte Creek bridge, \$150; McDowell bridge, \$241.50, allowed.

OAKVILLE.

The late floods washed out many of the rural telephone poles between this place and Corvallis.

Mr. D. H. Jayne and wife of Washinton, Iowa, arrived here last week. They have come to stay.

Mr. John Boyd of Peoria, was repairing the Home telephone line where it washed out last week.

The loss of stock by drowning was not as great as at first reported.

The mail on route No. 3 was only delayed one day besides Thanksgiving.

The road "boss" will find plenty to do, but perhaps he will wait for another flood which will surely come before next April.

Mr. Walter McIlree is dangerously ill in Salem at the home of his sister.

Capt. Galbraith's new steambreaker broke its cable last week and is now beached in East river and will probably be a total loss. LITTLE ROSE BUD.

C H NEWS

In estate of Mary Towne petition to sell real property filed.

Marriage license: Cleveland A. Cochell aged 25, and Ailey Wise, aged 21, of Brownsville.

Deeds recorded:— Linnhaven Orchard Co. to H. H. Hewitt 3 tracts in trust \$ 1 W. J. Monteith of Portland by Sheriff to M. S. Monteith undivided one half of block 76 M's ad 4242 Rudolph Barovicka to Mary Barovicka 1/2 interest in 480 acres 1 A. I. Arnold to W. W. Parry and wife 44.31 acres 1800 Griff King to David J. King 2 lots H's 2nd ad Albany 2000 Betay A. Phelps to R. F. Malone 1 acre 250 August Stack to W. D. Washburn and wife 1 lot bl 2 City 10 T. M. Witton to J. K. Weatherford 2 lots bl 5 Albany 10 J. K. Weatherford to E. F. Anderson and R. Walker lots 3 and 4 bl 5 Albany 10

Mortgages \$1100, \$800 and \$900. Release \$1250.

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Prof. Head has returned from a trip to Grants Pass and other Southern Oregon towns, where he reports having sold fourteen pianos in ten days, a remarkable record in piano selling. Prof. Head is fast getting his store next the Democrat office in shape for business.

MISFITS.

A good many people need to put p before luck.

The big stick will knock little Zelaya into a cocked hat.

John D. is afraid of nobody. He drove through Cleveland.

Make Oregon dry and see the Oregonian tear its hair in rage.

It takes a little trouble to bring an obscure nation into the limelight.

Zelaya will know something has struck him when the U. S. throws a bomb.

Having been caricatured Ah Swill is now entitled to a place in the hall of fame.

After being married 54 years a California couple have brought suit for divorce, both of them. Poor, old ninies.

J. Pierpont Morgan has just invested the trifling sum of \$472,000,000 in the Equitable Life Insurance Co's large insurance property. Getting rid of some of his pin money.

The recent article in the Democrat showing how foot ball fatalities in the U. S. had been wonderfully padded and exaggerated, has been copied by a good many papers wishing to be fair, and it is spreading out.

A Cottage Grove young lady wants an engagement badge to be worn by all persons engaged, so it will be known where to bestow affections, and not to do so, and she wants an ordinance that will be enforced. A novelty anyway.

The Democrat recently received notice from Congressman Hawley's private secretary that an assortment of bulbs had been sent the Democrat. Now comes the disappointing news that the bulbs cannot be sent until next fall. In the meantime if Congressman Hawley will send us an assortment of electric light bulbs, 16 candle power, it will be appreciated.

LEBANON

The Criterion:— Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Couey went to Portland Tuesday for a visit. They will soon go to Los Angeles for a month's visit.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th, the Albany College Conservatory of Music will give a grand concert in the Opera House, under the auspices of the Presbyterian young people.

Ben Phillips, who at one time was engaged in the publication of a newspaper in this city, known as the Advertiser, and also conducted a job printing business, died a few days ago, of consumption at the home of relatives near Foster.

The Lebanon State Bank is receiving the finishing touches and tomorrow will see its completion, and on Saturday it will open its doors for business. The building is by all odds the finest in the city, and in finish and architecture is equal to any bank building in the valley.

The post office receipts for the Lebanon office were a little more than 67 per cent greater in October of this year than for October of last year, and it was thought worthy of boasting about. November does not do quite as well, but the receipts for November which closed Tuesday night are 50.17 per cent more than for November of last year.

IN THE MAIL.

A letter from New York, telling about what a power the telephone was in the life of E. H. Harriman, in fact it declares that much of the power and influence of Mr. Harriman was due to the aid of his telephone. But about the greatest thing about the telephone is that it has gone into the home of the farmer transforming his life. This is evidently a telephone advertisement, but it is a very good one.

A five page account of a school and its doings at LaCom, showing the program of the school there and its excellent condition, under Mary A. Ewing and Miss Rora Meyer, the teachers. LaCom is talking high school also, and it is to be hoped secures one. The Democrat is pleased to hear from different sections of the county, but articles must be boiled down and to the point.

Mud or Snow.

The North Albany correspondent of the Corvallis Republican tells this: I just had a call from a Michigan woman, who saw my name in an Oregon paper and wrote me as one Granter to another. I wrote her facts in the case as far as I knew. She and her husband arrived in Albany just before the rise in the river and her husband doesn't like so much mud and water. She said, "I told him if we were in Mich. we would have snow and a good deal colder weather." It remains to be seen whether they stay in Oregon or not. Be sure I said a good word for old Benton county.

A High School Party.

The girls of the Alpha Omega Society of the High School last evening at Bussard Hall, gave a swell dancing party, enjoyed by a crowd of young people from Albany and elsewhere. The hall was tastefully decorated and arranged for the event. The Albany orchestra furnished the music for the affair.

TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Zelaya's representative at Washington was given passports, Secretary Knox. This severs all relations with Nicaragua. Warships have been ordered to go to Nicaragua. One carries 700 marines and machine guns.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Chairman Nelson of the senate lands committee will make Ballinger Alaska coal connection a subject of congressional inquiry.

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—Two inches of snow fell at Walla Walla and a foot at Tacoma last night.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Caples, secretary of Senator Chamberlain has resigned on account of ill health. J. W. Beller, of Washington, was appointed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The switchmen's strike is still on. The Northern Pacific is using new men and perishable goods are again loaded.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 3.—The strike breakers were pelted with potatoes today. There is no change in the situation. The Governor of Minnesota will try to mediate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The Interior department withdrew today 3400 acres on Lewis river, on account of power possibilities.

POTLAND, Dec. 3.—Judge Cameron admits the grand jury didn't care to probe the Crystal Springs scandals, and that damaging facts were ignored.

BURNS, Dec. 3.—Harney county cattlemen have sold 30,000 at an average of \$25, in all \$750,000 worth.

SCIO.

News: Myron Alexander, a pioneer of 1850, died at his residence, one mile southwest of Scio on Monday morning November 29, 1909. He was born in Alleghany county, New York on November 8, 1818, making his age at death, 81 years and 21 days. He came to Oregon in 1850 and settled in the vicinity of Salem. In 1867 he was united in marriage to Miss Louise C. Burmister, in Albany.

A false idea seems to have gone out among newspapers, that the Scio milk condensery was operated by water power and that the injury to the dam was interfering with the operation of the plant. This is untrue. Steam is the motive power and the plant has never been idle a day since it commenced business last spring.

A meeting of the board of directors, of the Linn County Fair Association was held at Scio, recently. The date for holding the next annual fair was fixed for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 30, 31 and September 1 and 2, 1910, thus making a four days fair.

A Kings Valley Suicide.

Thos. Siddall, of Kings Valley, Benton county, committed suicide in a fierce manner Wednesday night. Going to his woodshed he took a 30-30 rifle, with a soft nosed bullet, sat down in a chair, put the rifle between his knees, the muzzle in his mouth and pulled the trigger, blowing off the top of his head, scattering the brains about generally, presenting a horrible spectacle. A brother committed suicide in Oberlin, Ohio, about a month ago, grieving over the death of a valuable cow. Siddall was a bachelor, living with a brother, he was not well, but the news of his brother's suicide had prayed on his mind.

It is Telling.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The spread of the temperance wave has seriously affected the government revenues. According to the annual report of the commissioners of internal revenue, made public today, the receipts from taxes on whiskey were \$5,599,831 less during the fiscal year of 1909 than during the preceding year. On ales and beer the receipts were \$2,144,133 less than the previous year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hawkins left yesterday for their former home at Paris, Ill., on a business trip, with some boosting in view.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County. Department No. 2, Reg. No. 2765. C. R. Adams, plaintiff, vs. Elizabeth E. Adams, defendant. To Elizabeth E. Adams, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified and required to be and appear in said court in said suit, and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff, now on file herein, on or before the 15th day of January, 1910, and you are hereby further notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as above required, for want thereof the plaintiff will take a decree against you for the relief prayed for in his said complaint, to-wit:

A decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between you and said plaintiff. This summons is served upon you by publication thereof once a week for six successive and consecutive weeks prior to the said 15th day of January, 1910, in Albany Democrat, a newspaper published weekly in Albany, Linn County, Oregon, and of general circulation in said county, by order of the Hon. J. N. Duncan, County Judge of said Linn County, Oregon, which said order bears date November 26th, 1909, and that said J. N. Duncan as Judge of said County, in said order for the publication of this summons upon you, has prescribed said 15th day of January, 1910, as the time on or before which you shall appear and answer the said complaint in this suit. The date of the first publication of this summons in said newspaper is December 3rd, 1909. W. R. BILYEU, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Mrs. J. J. Lingren and Miss Clara Waddick, prominent Lebanon ladies, returned home this afternoon, after assisting in the Catholic fair for four days, doing efficient service.

The Riverside Farm

—ED. SCHOFER, Proprietor— Breeder and Importer of O. I. C. Hogs S. C. White and Buff Leghorns, W. P. Rocks, Light Brahms, R. C. Rhode Island Reds, White Cochins, W. B. Turkeys, W. B. Ducks, etc. Guineas

Winner of 17 prizes and 23 on Poultry at the Lewis & Clark Fair. Eggs in Season - Stock for Sale Phone, Farmers 95 - - - R. F. D No. 3

REFEREE'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned referee will on Monday the 27th day of December, 1909, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon at the front door of the county court house in the city of Albany, Linn County, Oregon, pursuant to the decree and order of sale duly made and entered in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Linn county, on the 17th day of November, 1909, in that certain suit pending in said court wherein Ocie D. Karney, Omer O. Karney and Ida Karney, his wife, Lizzie Comer and Hugh Comer, her husband, Ora B. Zwalhen and Fred Zwalhen, her husband were plaintiffs and Ora E. Karney and Eva Karney, his wife, Archie J. Karney, Flora M. Karney and Martha Karney were defendants, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to the confirmation by said court all the right, title and interest of the above named plaintiffs and defendants in the following described premises, to-wit: Beginning at the quarter section corner in the east boundary of section 5 in Tp. 10, S. R. 3 W. of the Will. Mer. in Linn County, Oregon, and running from said corner S. 42 minutes W. along the east line of said section 5 a distance of 20 chains; thence west 19.90 chains; thence north 62.82 chains to the N. W. corner of the N. E. quarter of the N. E. quarter of said section 5, thence south 89 degrees 42 minutes E. 20 chains to the N. E. corner of said section 5; thence S. 42 minutes W. 42.90 chains to the place of beginning containing 125.40 acres, more or less, save and excepting an open roadway off the south end of the above described premises. Also an open roadway 30 feet wide off the east side of the S. E. 1/4 of the S. E. 1/4 of section 5 in Tp. 10, S. R. 3 W. of the Will. Mer. in Linn County, Oregon. C. E. SOX, Referee.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County, his final account as Administrator of the estate of David Andrews, late of said county, deceased, and that said court has fixed Monday the 27th day of December, 1909, at the hour of 1 o'clock in the afternoon as the time for hearing objections to said final account, and the settlement thereof. F. M. REDFIELD, Admr. HEWITT & SOX, Attorneys for Administrator.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrators of the estate of Anna Barovicka, deceased, have filed their final account in said estate with the clerk of the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, and that Hon. J. N. Duncan, Judge of said Court, has appointed Monday, January third, nineteen hundred and ten, as the time, and the County Judge's office in Albany, Oregon, as the place, to hear objections to said final account, and for the settlement of said estate. Dated this Nov. 30, 1909. RUDOLPH B. BAROVICKA, RUDOLPH R. BAROVICKA, Administrators.

GEO. W. WRIGHT, Atty for Admrs.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the last will and testament and estate of Louis Miller, deceased, has filed his final account in the matter of said estate and the County Court of said Linn County, Oregon, has fixed Monday, January 3rd, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. as the time for hearing objections to said final account, if any, and for the final settlement of said estate. Dated December 3rd, 1909. AMELIA MILLER, Executrix. T. J. STITES, Atty for Executrix.

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